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SUBJECT : UAE AID TO EGYPT

1. UAE ECONOMIC ADVISOR ADEL SHUKRI, IN CONVERSATION MARCH 26 WITH VISITING CAIRO ECONOFF MATTOX, INDICATED UAE WILL CONTINUE ITS FORMHCOMING ATTITUDE TOWARD AID TO EGYPT, ASSUMING SAUDI ARABIA AND KUWAIT ARE LIKE MINDED, TO BE SURE, AND STRESSED LONG TERM IMPORTANCE TO EGYPT OF IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MAY AT PARIS. SHUKRI, HIMSELF AN EGYPTIAN CITIZEN, SAID UAE HAS NO REPEAT NO RELUCTANCE TO MAINTAIN PRESENT LEVELS OF SUPPORT FOR CONFRONTATION STATES EGYPT, SYRIDV AND JORDAN, WHICH LEVELS HE TERMED NEARLY EQUAL IN AMOUNT TO EACH EXCEPT FOR POSSIBLY SMALLER TOTAL TO JORDAN. IN CASE OF EGYPT, HOWEVER, CLEARER ORDERING OF PRIORITIES IS NECESSARY FOR RATIONAL ASSESSMENT OF NEEDS. UNSUPPORTED REQUESTS FOR LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH AID OR PRESENTATION OF DEVELOPMENT SHOPPING LISTS WILL POSE PROBLEMS FOR UAE GOVT IN ITS DESIRE TO BE RESPONSIVE. MFA OFFICIAL MENTIONED
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ADDED COMPLICATION OF MILITARY EXPENSES BEING BORNE ON BEHALF OF EGYPT (PRESUMABLY C-130 PAYMENTS, INTER ALIA), BUT DID NOT ELABORATE.

2. SIGNIFICANCE OF CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING WITH REGARD TO ECONOMIC PROSPECTS OF EGYPT COULD NOT BE OVERSTATED, IN SHUKRI'S VIEW. HE SUGGESTED MEETING SHOULD BE ORGANIZED

PRIMARILY ON TECHNICAL LEVEL AND THAT GOE MUST COME PREPARED TO DISCUSS IN DETAIL EGYPT'S CASH ASSISTANCE, DEVELOPMENT LOAN AND FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT REQUIREMENTS. SHUKRI LEFT OPEN QUESTION OF WHETHER CG COULD BE TRANSFORMED INTO SEMI-PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE BODY, ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE FOR PURPOSES OF ARAB DONORS IN HIS OPINION, AND DECLINED TO SPECULATE ON FORM OR AMOUNT ARAB AID PLEDGES FOR EGYPT WOULD TAKE IN 1977. SHUKRI INDICATED, HOWEVER, PERFORMANCE OF GOE DELEGATION AT PARIS MEETING COULD HAVE FAR -REACHING EFFECTS ON PROSPECTS FOR ARKB ASSISTANCE BEYOND IMMEDIATE SHORT-TERM REQUIREMENTS.

3. MFA OFFICIAL, WHO IS LONG TIME ACQUAINTANCE AND FORMER COLLEAGUE OF GOE DEPRIMIN KAISOUNI (SHUKRI COMMENTED HE HAD BEEN INVITED BY KAISOUNI TO JOIN CURRENT GOE CABINET), SAID HE PLANS TO MAKE POINT ON NEED FOR GOE DETERMINATION OF PRIORITIES AND CLEAR PRESENTATION OF NEEDS AT GARIS TO KAISOUNI DURING HIS FORTHCOMING VISIT (ON APRIL 1) TO ABU DHABI. SHUKRI NOTED THAT UAE FONMIN SUWAIDI IS ONLY OFFICIAL SUFFICIENTLY AUTHORITATIVE TO DISCUSS AID REQUIREMENTS WITH KAISOUNI, AND IT IS NOT CERTAIN THAT HE WILL BE IN COUNTRY DURING LATTER'S VISIT.

4. COMMENT: SHURKI HAS BEEN SECONDED TO ABU DHABI IN CAPACITY OF ECONOMIC ADVISOR FOR PAST SIX YEARS. HE IS WELL INFORMED AND HIS VIEWS ARE SOUTHT AT A TECHNICAL LEVEL. HE IS NOT, HOWEVER, INVOLVED IN BROAD POLICY MAKING DECISIONS RELATED TO UAE FOREIGN ASSISTANCE. NOTWITHSTANDING SHUKRI'S COMMENT THAT FONMIN SUWAIDI MAY BE CONFIDENTIAL

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ABSENT, KAISOUNI'S VISIT WILL NOT BE WASTED IF HE SEES SHAIKH ZAYID, WHO REMAINS THE PRIME DECISION MAKER ON ALL AID MATTERS.
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